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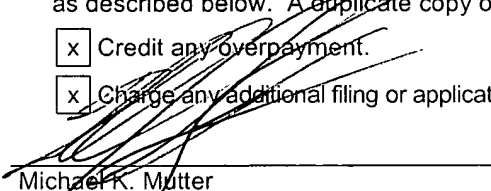
Invention: VIDEO ENCODER, VIDEO DECODER, VIDEO ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO DECODING METHOD, AND VIDEO ENCODING AND DECODING SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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